

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018**

Question

Will the Minister state which schools, if any, provide mental health or mindfulness support to students and provide a breakdown of the costs involved; and will she also state what future budget allocations have been made in this area, if any?

Answer

1. There are a range of approaches used to support mental health and well-being in schools, which might include (but are certainly not limited to) mindfulness. Services and support provided to schools by the Education Department (either directly or indirectly) include the following:

a. Well-being Facilitators

4 well-being facilitators support all provided primary schools (5-11 years)

Total FTE: 2.57
Staff cost: £93,043

b. Primary Mental Health Workers

2 Primary mental health workers support all provided and non-provided schools and colleges (5-18 years)

Total FTE: 2.0
Staff cost: £127,752

c. School-based Counselling

Arrangements for school based counselling in provided schools vary on a school by school basis as follows:

Hautlieu – 1.0 (term time only)
Le Rocquier – 1.0 (term time only)
Grainville - 1.0 (term time only)
Highlands College - 0.6 (term time only)
Haute Vallee – 0.55 (term time only)
Les Quennevais – 0.6 (term time only)
La Sente – appointment of a new counsellor and associated hours pending and tbc
Jersey College for Girls – 0.6 (term time only)
Victoria College – 0.4 (term time only)

Total FTE: of 5.25 (including provisional hours for La Sente)
Staff cost: £277,847

d. Educational Psychology Team

A proportion of time from the educational psychology team (0.5 fte) is ring fenced to support mental health and well-being in provided schools and colleges (5-18 years)

Total FTE: 0.5

Staff cost: £41,665

e. Emotional literacy support assistants (ELSAs)

In addition, the majority of schools have developed and /or adapted keyworker posts (referred to as emotional literacy support assistants) within their existing establishments to provide support for children with emerging well-being needs. There are 75 registered ELSAs at this time.

It is difficult to establish the costs/ fte associated with delivering emotional literacy support in schools as these responsibilities are built in to established roles, which typically incorporate a range of responsibilities.

2. The budget allocated to delivering these functions is recurring. At this time, it is anticipated that current arrangements as outlined will continue for 2019.

Consideration is being given to a more integrated whole system approach to mental health and well-being support for children and young people with specialist CAMHS scheduled to move across to CYPES at some stage in 2019 (details tbc).